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**TITLE:** System and Method for Synchronizing Operations  
among a Plurality of Independently Clocked Digital  
Data Processing Devices  
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**RESPONSE D**

Examiner Nickerson:

In response to the office action mailed **January 22, 2009** (*Office Action*), please consider the following **amendments** and **remarks**. **Amendments to the claims** begin on **page two**. Applicant's **remarks** in response to the *Office Action* begin on **page eight**. Applicant's **conclusions** as to the allowability of this Application appear on **page nineteen**.